

Wal-Mart In West Linn



The City of West Linn has received many inquiries about the recent news report that Wal-Mart may locate a grocery store in West Linn at the former Bales location on Highway 43. This informational web page provides all information that the City has at this time about this report. Please note that the City has not been contacted by Wal-Mart.

What's the Latest News From the City on Wal-Mart in West Linn?

September 19 Update:

- Their building permits for the former Bales location have been approved and are available for the applicant at City Hall.
- They will be released to the applicant upon remit of fees and disclosure of the contractor.
- Then they can begin improvements. The building permits are for the leased space; primarily for interior tenant improvements.
- We also anticipate they will be making minor exterior improvements including repainting, cracked window trim, etc.
- Please note that to date, the City has not been notified as to the name of the tenant, although from news reports we understand that it is for Wal-Mart.

July 18 Update:

- Late last week, the City of West Linn received plans and permit requests for the former Bales store from a regional planning firm.

A sign request was not submitted; the only information available at this time are plans and permit requests. This information is available for public review at the first-floor counter of City Hall.

- Specific tenant information was not submitted and is not available.
- It will take City staff approximately two- to three-weeks to review the permits.
- The permits are reviewed under the State Building Code, and no staff or Council discretion is applied to this review of the permits.
- Initial review indicates that the plans resemble a grocery store.
- Plans also indicate that exterior improvements will include minor in-kind replacements (e.g. some window replacements and repainting - but same color as existing structure).

July 14 Update:

- Like all citizens, the City of West Linn staff read the [recent news report](#) about the Wal-Mart store at the former Bales location.
- At this time, the City of West Linn has no additional information about this news report, has not been contacted by Wal-Mart, and has no additional information to share with citizens about this news story.
- Please note that the City of West Linn is not an active participant in any real estate negotiations regarding this property, and any transactions are private property matters that the City is not privy to at this time.
- Please also be aware that until any plans are submitted to the City of West Linn, the City cannot accurately estimate the land use or citizen involvement process that would be followed for a Wal-Mart store at this location.
- More information, as it becomes available, will be shared in the local newspapers, and also on the City web site, as appropriate.

How Do I Share My Opinion?

- The best way to share your opinions is to use the [Citizen Support Center](#) online so the City can keep track of the volume of correspondence on this topic, and so you can keep track of your communications with the City.
- Thank you for visiting this [informational web page](#). Please bookmark this page, as updates will be shared on this page as they become available.
- If you prefer to write a paper letter, please mail it to: City of West Linn, ATTN: City Manager's Office, 22500 Salamo Road, West Linn, OR 97068.

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